

PROCEEDINGS FOR THE TAYLOR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Taylor County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 1st, 2022.

Supervisor Wilmarth called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Supervisor roll call: Wilmarth, Horton, Fitzgerald, all present. Also present: Corey Leftwich, Rob Welsch, Charles Ambrose, Kim Watson, and Justin Savage.

Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 23rd meeting and the agenda for the December 1st meeting. Horton seconded the motion. MC 3-0.

Ambrose spoke during public comments, to advise the Board that the Compensation Board will meet on December 14th, at 4:30 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors room to discuss compensation for county officials.

Ambrose and Welsch left the meeting. Matt Strueby and Bethany Murphy joined the meeting.

There were no committee meetings to report on.

Savage reported that Secondary Roads was checking into options for a new storage shed in the New Market area. He advised doing so would allow them to store equipment in a less remote area which would help with employee retention. He also reported on the progress of continuing county projects.

Savage left the meeting. Josh Good joined the meeting.

Strueby inquired about potential tax abatements for rural county residents. The Board reported their discovery that the previously offered tax abatement was never extended as it wasn't needed to continue to incentivize residents to build since it appeared they were doing it of their own accord. The Board advised that they are considering what a new tax abatement would consist of and will continue to research how to best implement the abatement.

Strueby and Murphy left the meeting.

Good presented quotes for three different types of battery backups for the Auditor's office. After discussion the Board recommended the cheaper option, which is a direct replacement to the current backups that have exceeded their life expectancy and performed well. The Board also agreed to Good's recommendation to obtain 2 extra batteries as a backup in the event they need to be replaced quickly to preserve the capabilities of the Auditor's office. Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the purchase of the battery backups at a cost of \$819.90. Horton seconded the motion. MC 3-0.

The Board agreed to postpone the discussion on the creation of a Taylor County Facebook page until the next meeting. Clint Spurrier joined the meeting.

Leftwich requested the Board approve Holly Cavin's promotion from Auditor's Clerk to Deputy Auditor as a result of additional job responsibilities being undertaken due to a reduction of staff in the Auditor's office. The Board approved a pay raise to 74% of the Auditor's salary effective December 1st with an extension of her introductory period for 90 days from December 1st. Horton motioned to approve the promotion. Fitzgerald seconded. MC 3-0.

Leftwich requested the Board approve the hiring of a Temporary Part Time Auditor's Clerk at a rate of \$17.00 per hour due to the reduction of staff in the Auditor's office. The Board agreed to postpone the discussion until the next meeting.

The Board discussed agenda items for the next meeting. Horton motioned to adjourn the meeting. Fitzgerald seconded. MC 3-0.

Pam Wilmarth, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors
Attest: Corey Leftwich, Acting Auditor